

Practice Begins On STALAG 17

A large crowd gathered in front of room 10, gazing intently at something posted on the door. Six weeks grades? No. A Playboy foldout? No, it was parts for **Stalag 17**, and self made thespians crowded around Captain McDonald's classroom to see who had won the title of "AMA Actor". A few were disenchanted with their parts and others found that they hadn't time for the play, but the dedicated thespian troupe ploughed right ahead with growing momentum and enthusiasm. Led by Captain and Mrs. James McDonald and a few returnees from last year's group, now famous for its interpretation of **Twelve Angry Men**, the group includes Burt Cummings of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, as Sefton, the anti-hero of the play; Jim Gary, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Gary of Mattoon, Illinois, as Stosh; Charlie Pascale, son of Mr. Charles A. Pascale of Djakarta, Indonesia, as Price; and Fran Rometta, son of Lt. Col. Thomas Rometta of Heidelberg, Germany, as Hoffy. Prentis Ball, son of Lt. Col. P. E. Ball (ret.) of

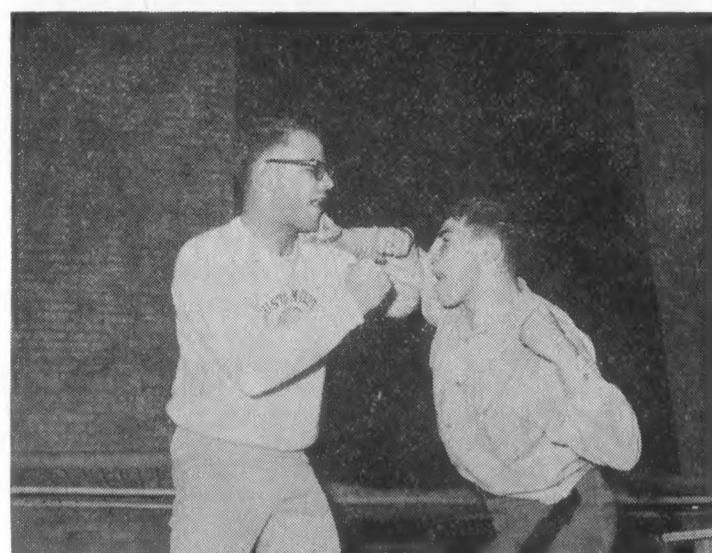
Littleton, Massachusetts, plays Harry; Herb is portrayed by Bruce Freeman, son of Mrs. Hilda Freeman of Crawford, New Jersey; and Brad Kesner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Kesner of Petersburg, West Virginia, appears as Duke. Michael Bare, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Bare of Virginia Beach, Virginia, plays Marko; Harry Campbell, son of Mr. Walter Campbell of Richmond, Virginia, as Reed; Ed Leach, son of Dr. Edwin Leach of Norfolk, Virginia, as Peterson; Timmy Heath, son of Mr. Hugh Heath Jr. of Kingston, North Carolina, as Red Dog; and Brian McCafferty, son of Mr. Joseph McCafferty of Newton, Pennsylvania, as Horney. Taking the part of the German captain is Rich Schweitzer, son of Mr. Robert Schweitzer of Mt. Vernon, Ohio. He is assisted by John Cain, son of Mrs. Lou Linn Cain of McLean, Virginia, as Dunbar; Raul Gutierrez, son of Mr. Raul F. Gutierrez, of Key Biscayne, Florida, as Shultz; Rex Rumley, son of Mr. Emmett H. Rumley of Lancaster, Ohio, as the S. S. Guard;

and Mike Kalusin, son of Mr. Enrique Kalusin of Miami, Florida, as the Geneva Man.

Also announced was the stage crew, consisting of Harman Groves, son of Mrs. Johnson Groves of Petersburg, West Virginia; David McCulloch, son of Mr. Edward McCulloch of Bethlehem, Pennsylvania; and Alan Samuels, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Samuels of Strausburg, Virginia, who doubles as McCarthy.

Practice is in full swing and according to Captain James McDonald, everything appears to be going smoothly. There are still lines to be learned; however each member of the troupe is working diligently in order to memorize them.

Enthusiasm is running high, so much so, in fact, that at a recent play practice, several teachers were summoned to break up a "fight" which takes place within the play. It looks as if the corps will be treated to an unusual evening on April 19 when the "AMA Actors" present **Stalag 17**.



Cummings and Piscale, C. rehearsing fight scene from AMA's Players' spring production Stalag 17.

Augusta Cadets Chosen As Outstanding Teenagers

"Outstanding" is described by Webster's New World Dictionary as meaning "prominent or distinguished," and this certainly is an apt description of three Augusta Military Academy cadets who won awards as Outstanding Teenagers of America. Cadet Captains Larry Reed and Bruce Orenstein and Cadet Staff Sergeant Jeff Leonard recently were honored for exceptional achievement by the Outstanding Teenagers Foundation.

Cadet Captain Bruce Orenstein, son of Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Orenstein of Silver Spring, Maryland, is serving as this year's battalion commander. He is president of the Honor Committee, Vice-President of the Cotillion Club, and Executive Officer of the Roller Rifles, AMA's precision drill team. His long list of accolades includes an Army Association Medal, member of the Ad Astra, member of the "Recall" staff, and he has five consecutive letters in swimming.

Cadet Captain Lawrence Reed, Jr., who hails from Antofagasta, Chile, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Larry L. Reed. Larry's four years at AMA have been taken up by activities such as three years on the "Bayonet" staff and two years on the "Recall" staff, which he heads as editor-in-chief. His journalistic talents have won for him the Columbia Scholastic Press Association Gold Medal and a membership in the Quill and Scroll Society. Ability in science won Larry the "Best in Biology" medal in 1967, the "Best in Chemistry" medal in 1968, and the Bausch and Lomb

Honor Society Award. Larry is also a member of the Roller Rifles.

Cadet Staff Sergeant Jeffery Morse Leonard is the third member of this group. The son of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Pious Leonard of Wayland, Massachusetts, Jeff has excelled in academics, obtaining the award for the "Best Student at AMA" and the "Highest Average at AMA", nor have Jeff's talents escaped the notice of others outside of AMA. He has twice been commended by the National Merit Scholarship Program, and he recently won a Naval Reserve Officer Training Corp Scholarship. Jeff's other interests include track, in which he lettered, and the "Recall", of which he is the copy editor. He is also secretary of the Honor Committee.

These cadets will compete with other winners in Virginia for the Governor's Trophy, awarded annually, to the most outstanding teenager of the state. Each of the fifty state winners will be eligible for one of the "Two National Outstanding Teenagers of America" awards and college scholarships, made available by the Outstanding Americans Foundation.

Mr. John Putnam, President of the Foundation, said it is the goal of the awards program "to recognize and encourage the ability and achievements of today's young people."

There is no more fitting final honor to bestow upon these cadets than Mr. Putnam's words about teenagers, "They are America's leaders of tomorrow."

RANGER TURNED TEACHER

Has anyone noticed the newest arrival of AMA's military department? Certainly no one has heard him say very much. Master Sergeant Cockburn is a soft spoken southerner who believes in walking so softly that some of the cadets are finding out just now that he is here. His arrival was a quiet one, everyone is sure to agree, and many cadets did not even acknowledge his presence until Major Dekle introduced him to the corps in the mess hall recently.

Originating from Fayetteville, North Carolina, M/Sgt. Cockburn was intrigued by the Army twenty years ago and just recently retired from its noble ranks last July. He has served his country well by putting in time in Korea, Germany, Viet Nam and Alaska.

An active man, M/Sgt. Cockburn served with the United States Army Ranger School as an instructor from 1957 until 1962. Upon the completion of his five years in the Rangers, he entered the United States Special Forces as a Green Beret in 1962, where he remained until his recent retirement.

M/Sgt. Cockburn has taken a surprisingly active interest in AMA

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Spirit Of Adventure Instilled In Cadets

As any old cadet at AMA knows there is a time well looked forward to near the first of each year when the school is endowed with what has to be a unique and well liked presentations anyone could hope to lay his eyes upon. By unique it can be said that nothing like this can be seen at AMA except for this once a year honor. The presentation is the program Mr. Jardin makes each year on his travels in the Northeast and West.

As Mr. Jardin stepped upon the stage in the Big Room for the tenth time and began speaking in his fine narrative voice, every pair of eyes seemed to be glued upon him. First things were first and Mr. Jardin began by familiarizing the audience with a book he had read by the name of *Trap-Line North* by Stephen W. Meader.

The story concerned two young men who had spent a winter in the north country learning how to survive. The book intrigued Mr. Jardin so much that he decided to see this beautiful country for himself. He wrote a letter to Lindsay, main character in this true story, asking if he might be able to visit and perhaps receive some help in furthering his exploits.

A letter returned, written in crude handwriting, but nevertheless full of welcome and promising a store of adventure. At this point Mr. Jardin wasn't particularly overconfident at undertaking such an exploit, but the spirit of adventure overcame reason and he made preparations to leave.

He arrived in a small town far in North America and proceeded to hire a bush pilot to fly him even further into the back country. The plane landed in a spot which could just barely be said to be inhabited. Lindsay lived there with a friend and his wife, and their sole purpose was to act as caretakers of a small dam which had been built there years before.

Lindsay bade Mr. Jardin a warm welcome, and they immediately made plans for their trip. Without further delay they began their trip in a canoe loaded to the brim with supplies. By using a time delay

shutter, Mr. Jardin was able to photograph himself as well as Lindsay in activities such as fishing, and swimming along the way.

Many movies were taken of the wildlife and vegetation on their trip, with Mr. Jardin constantly taking movies of the moose, since they fascinated him so. It was not easy making such a trip, for muscles were strained and bones ached, but after a few days it all wore off and nothing was left to do except enjoy the trip.

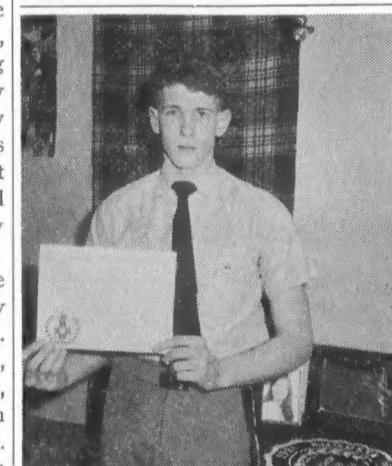
And enjoyment it was! If nature interests one, then he should enjoy a canoe trip similar to the one Mr. Jardin took. Meals consisted of fish, fish, fish, and more fish, and manna, a type of unleavened bread which is made entirely of flour and grease. While this will never be mistaken for the "Chef's Special Entree" at the Sheraton, it can prove to be very tasty after a hard day's camping and photographing wildlife.

Lindsay and Mr. Jardin could not canoe all the way to their destination so part of the time was spent in cross-country hikes, Lindsay carrying the canoe, Mr. Jardin sporting the rest of the gear. This was accomplished by leather "head straps" which allowed the two to carry objects on their backs, using their heads to relieve the strain on their backs.

Near the end of the trip, the adventurous pair came across a family of Canadian Indians. Indians in this part of the country are naturally quite rough in that they must live off the land. This is not the easiest task in the world, but these rugged outdoorsmen always seem to manage. Pictures of this family proved to be very interesting, especially with Mr. Jardin's timely comments.

All too soon their trip terminated, and they returned with tales to tell of the moose, especially, and their many experiences, and once again Mr. Jardin had another adventure under his belt. He edited and spliced his films until he had one of the best shows that he has ever presented at AMA. The evening was highly successful, and

during the walk back to barracks and for the next couple of days, talk centered on Mr. Jardin and his wonderful trip to the Northwest.



Cadet William McLaughlin displaying his certificate he won in the "Voice of Democracy" contest. He recently gave his talk at the VFW in Staunton.

An Open Letter To The Corps

Editor's Note: Because of my error this article could not appear in last issue. My apologies to Col. Lucas and The Corps.

Dear Friends,

Through the years the AMA cadets have been very generous to our boys and girls, but I believe this year was the most generous year of all and we certainly are grateful for the fine contribution you made to our Home.

The trailer load of food will satisfy hungry appetites for many meals and the money which was left over will be very useful to us in caring for our large family.

We appreciate the efforts that you and Colonel Lucas made to give us our grand treat!

I hope that Christmas was a fine season for all of you, and that the New Year will bring the very best to you.

Sincerely,
Bernard E. Bain
Superintendent
Presbyterian Home

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"LEST WE FORGET"

By David Kirkpatrick

In the spring of 1964 cadets had more to celebrate than just the advent of the ending of the school year for a psychology major from Florida Southern joined the faculty. It was his purpose to set up a guidance department at AMA and he became highly successful—Major John Dekle worked tediously to set up a guidance department. The hard work paid off in the many friends he made as a teacher, a guidance counselor, and a true friend.

He was born in Florida in 1926, but at the age of three he moved to Newport News where he attended school and lived for twenty-one years. During this time he had the qualities of a southern gentleman engrained in him, and he has never forgotten them. Upon completion of high school he returned to Florida to receive his college education. His studies were interrupted, however, when he enlisted in the Army as an infantry rifleman during World War II. After two years of duty, Major Dekle journeyed once again to Florida where he continued his college career. He graduated as a psychology major, but he never followed that as a vocation. Luckily, too, for what was psychology's loss was AMA's gain.

Following graduation from college, Major Dekle went into the fields of merchandising and insurance. He spent sixteen years at these professions, during which time he moved to Richmond, Virginia. From 1962 until 1964 he remained in Richmond working in merchandising and insurance, but in 1964 he moved to Staunton and began to set up shop at AMA. Today, five years later, Major Dekle has progressed from sociology teacher and part time guidance director to assistant to the superintendent. He still teaches sociology, and those cadets who take the course are the place for him.

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grateful that he still retains an interest in the subject.

Because of his previous business experience, Major Dekle has had at least some remote form of contact with nearly all forms of business, and this has helped him greatly in his attempt to guide the cadets here. Besides all his practical experience, he has done graduate work at Madison College.

Married with two boys, Major Dekle has had his hands full with a myriad of jobs, yet he is always willing to stop and help where his assistance is necessary. Recently he started a general upgrading of the PX, which had remarkable effects. Major Dekle reasoned that if the PX were clean and nice-looking, cadets would keep it that way. He initiated a program to clean up the PX, and the results may be seen by visiting the building. It no longer has the look of a smokefilled backroom pool hall; rather it is something of which the cadets can be proud.

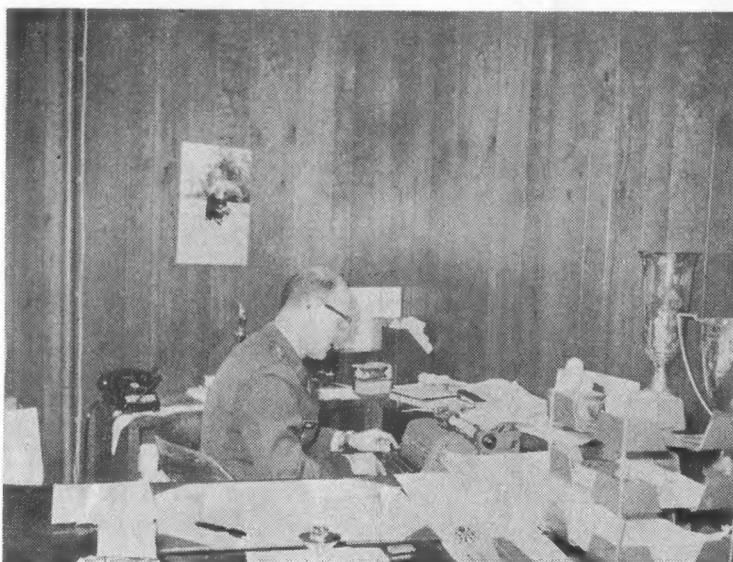
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Be The First One On Your Block Not To Have A Block

by David Kirkpatrick

Recently when I was in Chicago, the students at Roosevelt University kidnapped the president of the University, and were planning to hold him until their demands were met. It seems to me that if one wishes for his demands to be met, he should act in a manner that would be conducive to his ends. In this case, I don't believe this theory was carried out. It is my belief that every person should have a goal in life, but this emotional tirade certainly could not end in each and every participant's goal. For one thing, student rights are not an ultimate achievement in one's life and to do harm to one's self or to another could not possibly be the main concern on a person's mind. By this I mean that in their efforts to achieve what seems to be such an important cause in their lives, these students are revolting against no one but themselves. Kidnapping the president of Roosevelt University, I must admit, carries its own individual merits. That is, if one is out to give a large number of people a good scare, but as for the purpose of achieving more student rights, I simply do not see how this ties in with their demands. Should a student dislike the policies of a college or university, I fail to see what he is doing there in the first place. As I sit here and ponder this grave matter I am reminded of a cartoon which I saw in the Richmond Times Dispatch a few days ago. The cartoon pictures two college students; both boys are gazing out from a window upon a large crowd of students below, obviously protesting. One boy is holding a picket sign and the other an armload of books. The caption reads: "I'm going back to class; I just remembered how hard I worked to get here." I believe that if a lot more students would sit down for a minute and take the time to realize just exactly how hard some of them worked to get into college, there would be much less rioting and civil disorder. I do not pretend to offer any definite solution to such a problem. I am merely pointing out the foolishness of mistakes these people are making. In my opinion they can do no possible good to themselves or anyone else and if they don't have the brains to see the futility of their efforts then they do not belong in college in the first place. I rest my case by saying that any of you reading my article who do not agree with what I have said, should disregard future letters of acceptance to college, and go forth in search of a laborer's picket line.



Conniving as always, Major Dekle is off on another brainstorm designed to improve the lives of all the cadets at AMA.

Snow and Mud Don't Impede These

Varsity lacrosse opened the current season with a fine turnout. In spite of having only five lettermen returning from last year's team there are hopes for a winning season. The returnees are Nick Syropolous, attack, John Henderson, defense, and Ray Marcantoni, Larry Thiel and, Bruce Reyngoudt in the midfield. J. V. players expected to see action are Bob Harris, Bill Baeder, Charlie Pascale and Gordon Cox at defense, George Rovirosa, Ronnie Melcher and Grif Lohman at attack and John Douglas at midfield. Others out for the team, including some former varsity and J. V. substitutes, are Tim Cooper, Doug McMullan, John Quinn, David Kerns, Joe Amedeo, Rick Francis, Mike Coey-

man, George McCoach, Mike Myers, Jack White, Tim Hann, Arty Hoisbauer, Bill McLaughlin, Winky Hill and Joe Goldberg.

In the goal is Gene O'Neal who did an outstanding job for Col. Hoover's winning J. V. team last year. Cadet Alan Samuels has volunteered to be "service troops" taking on the thankless, backbreaking job of manager and "gaffer" for the team.

The schedule this year includes 12 games of which seven will be at home with five on the road. Opponents include B teams of the University of Virginia and Washington and Lee College as well as high school teams in Virginia and Maryland.

**WATCH FOR
IMPROVEMENT
DAY!**

**An Address
To The Corps**

As I think about writing this I wonder if there might be some magic way I can get the message across concerning the importance of what you are doing right now, but believe me, it is related very strongly to your future far beyond AMA. If each student would take a moment and try to picture himself five, ten, or even twenty years from now and then apply himself accordingly, he might be able to understand what I am trying to put across. I believe that he would attempt to get more out of each day at AMA, because he would realize more fully why he is here and what he is to be doing.

If students would stop to think, they might take more of the advice given to them and put it to good use. Can you imagine that as you go through just one day at AMA you may, in the classroom alone, come in contact with people with more than 120 years total experience of life after their high school years? I don't mean that everyone here is just a bunch of old timers, as I have used the age of 38 as a constant, and this isn't too much of a generation gap. However, generation gap or not, these people with whom you come in contact fully realize that the roads they have traveled haven't been in most cases exactly easy, furthermore they realize that the problems that they faced will be nothing in comparison to those that cadets will run against. Here we try to encourage each of you to do your very best, fully realizing, however, that in many instances your best will fall short of the mark.

We often hear of cadets who have passed through AMA and done well for themselves; those who have made a real contribution to our society and our country, and we are also aware of those who perhaps didn't make the most of their everyday lives, and went on to meet disappointment.

Even as you read this column I would ask, "Have you wasted a day at AMA?" No one has ever figured out a way to use wasted time. Scientists have come up with ways of reclaiming swamplands, but no one has ever found a way to reclaim lost time. You can't make up for it once it slips by: it's gone forever. The important question remains however, just how much have you gained from that passing day? That is what will help make you what you want to be five, ten, or twenty years from now. As I conclude this I well realize that many of you are serious and hard at work and I wish you much success. However, if you have the slightest feeling that I wrote this with you in mind, then I wish that you would go back and read it carefully again in hope that tomorrow you may begin doing those things which you have failed to do today.

Captain Charles O. Dillow
Commandant AMA

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"HOOVA"

by Burt Cummings

Augusta finished its basketball season in a tie for third place in tournament play with Fork Union. In the opening round of the VMSL Tournament, the Streaks, led by Jay Fulk and Billy Tate, upset the heavily favored Fighting Cadets of Greenbrier, 61-56, to move into semifinals. That second night was disastrous, however, as SMA trounced us, 108-46. My congratulations go to the entire team for their outstanding spirit and performance, and especially to Billy Tate and Jay Fulk for placing on the second All-Tournament Team, I would also like to thank every member of the cadet corps for the spirit they displayed during the entire tournament. It was really great the way the corps never gave up rooting, whether it was for AMA or Hargrave. Brian Ahern, who played for Hargrave and was co-MVP of the tournament with Tom McBride of SMA, asked me to thank the whole corps for the wonderful way that they backed the Tigers in their attempt to retain possession of the VMSL Tournament title.

AMA's rifle team finished their season with an 8-6 record which, while it is good, is not as good as that which rifle teams in years gone by have achieved. The majority of the team will probably be returning next year to move the Hawkeyes closer to their goal of number 1 as they once were. Some time ago Augusta had the best rifle team in the state, if not one of the best in

the nation. Good luck to Lieutenant Sharp with next year's team; it should prove to be very profitable!

Augusta's swordsmen are doing a fantastic job as usual. Jorge Rovirosa and Bob Echols are doing a fine job in the foil; Ron Melcher, Charlie Hillsman, Bud Sweeny, Bill Trudell, and Bill Baeder lead an undefeated sabre team, and Sandy Henderson, Cam Bell, and Bill Baeder are doing a good job with the difficult epee. The fencing team always does well, and I expect this season to be no different.

Baseball, track, tennis and lacrosse are just getting underway, and each bears an optimistic look. Lacrosse should have a winning season, since a lot of players are back from last year. Baseball shows four returnees and a new coach. Who knows, perhaps there may be a league title in store for AMA. The tennis team lost several top rackets from last year, but Rick McKenney will be back to lead Captain Mannasmith's charges again this year. Track is burdened with returnees, and sports a new coach; the two should well complement each other. This team may improve over last year's since practice will be held almost daily, and it will not be voluntary as it was last year.

If you possess talent in any one of these sports, or if you are interested in any, get your feeble brain out of barracks and show your talents instead of bragging about them. AMA needs YOU!

DID YOU KNOW?

Lacrosse is played by two teams of ten players each, with unlimited substitutions. The purpose of each team is to score by causing the ball to enter the opponent's goal to score one point. The ball is kept in play by being carried, thrown or batted with the crosse (stick), or being kicked in any direction. Only the goalie can touch the ball with his hand and then only to bat it away from the goal.

The field is approximately the size of a football field and is divided in the middle by a double line to determine off-sides. Each team, exclusive of the goalies, must keep three men on each side of this center line.

The game is divided into four quarters of 12 minutes each for high school ball and if tied at the end of regulation play two three minute overtime periods are played. If at the end of this time it is still tied sudden death periods of three minutes each are played until a team scores a goal.

Play begins with a "face-off" in the center of the field by placing the ball between the sticks of the opposing centers. When the referee sounds his whistle the opposing midfielders try to gain possession of the ball. All other team members are restrained behind their respective goal area lines until one of the middles is declared by the referee to have "possession." If the ball goes out of bounds it is given to the team opposite the team which touched it last. The exception to

this rule is on a shot at the goal. In this case the player nearest the ball when it crosses the boundary line of the field is given "possession."

Body checking, or blocking, as well as checking the crosse of an opponent in possession of the ball is permitted. The goalie cannot be interfered with while within the circle surrounding the goal. This circle is known as the crease and offensive players may not enter this area.

Rule infractions are either TECHNICAL or PERSONAL and carry penalties varying from loss of ball to three minutes and expulsion from the game.

Briefly, some of the personal fouls are hitting the opponent's body with the stick,

unnecessary roughness, tripping and unsportsmanlike conduct. Technical fouls are for such rule infractions as being offside, pushing, being in the crease area and other violations where an injury is not likely to occur. Penalty time is served in an area by the timer's bench and a player may not return to the game until his time is served unless the opponent scores a goal or his team gains possession of the ball in his attack area. When a foul is called and a score is imminent the referee drops a flag and play is not stopped until the score is made or a shot, or one pass and shot is made. At this time the offender leaves the game whether the score is made or not.

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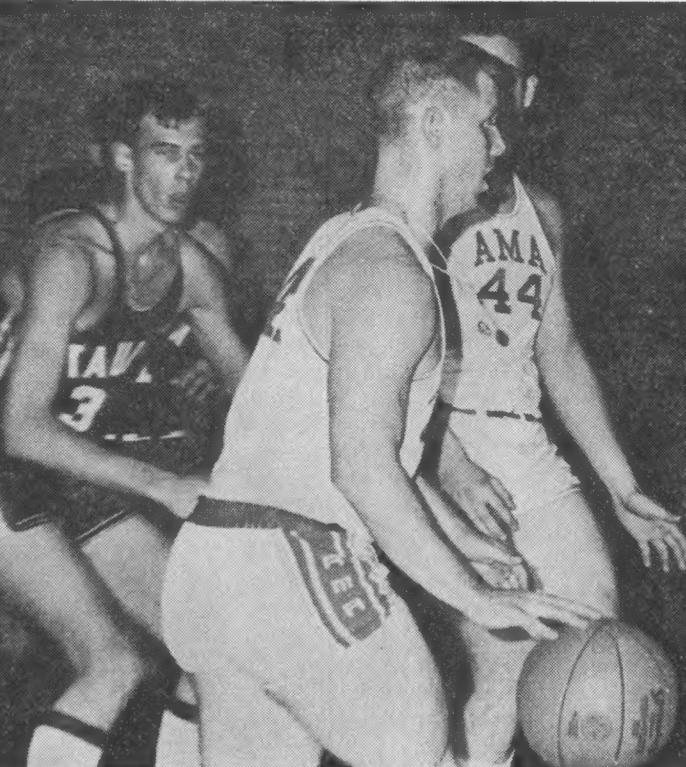
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Billy Tate moves past teammate Jay Fulk's "pick" in an attempt to score against Staunton's rugged defense. Unfortunately, the Streaks did not do enough scoring and fell to the Hilltoppers.

AMA Slashes Their Way To An Outstanding Season

Augusta's fencers closed out their season last weekend in Baltimore in a four-corner-meet with the Jewish YMCA, John Carroll High School, and the Tri-Weapons Club of Maryland. 1969's edition of the fencing team came through unscathed again this year, as Colonel Hoover coached his multi-talented swordsmen to another undefeated season.

Blue Ridge Fencing Club was met to start things off, and AMA did exceptionally well, overcoming almost all the opposing fencers. This was just a practice bout for the fencing team, however, and the first full meet was with Mercersburg Academy. AMA appeared to be ready for the challenge as they won easily, 11-7. In the foil, Bobby Echols and Jorge Rovirosa each won all three bouts in which they were engaged to lead Jackard, Copper, Pennock, and Russell, the rest of the team, to victory. Cam Bell and Sandy Henderson took two bouts apiece and Pete Copper won one to edge Mercersburg in the epee, 5-4.

VMI was the next opponent to taste the cold edge of AMA's fencing blades as they fell ignominiously, 22-5. Foilists Echols, Rovirosa, and Peach won three bouts apiece, while Russell and Pennock each won one to soundly defeat the Rats in this department. Bell, Henderson, and Baeder combined to win four bouts with the epee, and in the sabre it was AMA all the way with a single loss to VMI while

Ron Melcher, Charlie Hillsman, Bud Sweeney, Bill Baeder, and Don Malnati accounted for Augusta's eight bouts.

In the return meet with Mercersburg, Echols, Rovirosa, and Russell once again found the road to victory, on this occasion seven times. Baeder, Henderson, and Bell pooled their talents for four wins, and the sabre team once more feasted on the opposition, winning all of their bouts.

Soon it was time to meet VMI again, and although the Rats lost to Augusta, they regained something of their prestige by keeping the score closer, 16-11. With Bobby Echols out sick, Jorge Rovirosa, Pete Copper, and Pete Russell were called upon to do their best, and do it they did by combining to win five bouts. In epee, Cam Bell, Bill Baeder, and John Fields collectively won four bouts. The sabre team was without Charlie Hillsman, also because of illness, but they won all but one bout as Ron Melcher, Bill Trudell, Bill Baeder, Bud Sweeney, and Don Malnati slashed their way to eight victories.

An outstanding job was done by all this season, and special congratulations should go to Bobby Echols, captain of the foil team; Cam Bell and Sandy Henderson, co-captains of the epee team; Ron Melcher, captain of the sabre team, and Colonel Hoover, coach of the entire fencing team, for a job well done!

Cadets Bow By 61-56

Streaks Edge GMS, Gain Semi-Finals

Greenbrier Military School, picked by some to meet SMA in the finals, found that AMA had plenty of bite left, as the Blue Streaks dumped them, 61-56. It was the first time Augusta had been able to handle the tricky Fighting Cadets, and it was accomplished in much the same manner that GMS had used earlier in defeating AMA, 89-72.

Jay Fulk, playing one of his most inspired games all season, connected for 28 points, mostly on driving shots, to lead the Streaks to their most impressive victory this year, while Billy Tate, AMA's Bob Cousey, dazzled Greenbrier with his fantastic ball handling.

Augusta took the lead early, first 2-0 and then 4-2. GMS had some trouble penetrating the tight, shifting defense of the Streaks, and AMA took advantage of this by striking while they had the ball and giving Greenbrier few chances to shoot. Despite GMS's height advantage, they did not control the boards, as Rog Jenson, Jimmy Johnson, and Jay Fulk fought well underneath the basket for position, and time and again they prevented Leroy Grafton, the big 6-8 center from Greenbrier, from getting to the ball. By halftime AMA had proven that they were out for victory, not just a romp in the park.

During the second half the Blue Streaks picked up where they had left off, and Jay Fulk was at it again. GMS's defense wilted before the blistering attack, unable to contain the 6-4 wonder from Broadway, Virginia. Meanwhile, a cadet from Charlotte, North Carolina, was setting up scoring plays for the Streaks. Billy Tate passed off and fed to his teammates so well that Greenbrier began to double team him.

Late in the ball game Rog Jenson and Jay Fulk both fouled out, and GMS's fortunes began to look up. Andy Lewis and Ronald Gordon had time to set up their shots, and the two brought Greenbrier right back into the ball game. The Fighting Cadets pulled to within two, 57-55, but Billy Tate swished one to virtually insure the game for AMA.

In the last two minutes of the ball game, the crowd was treated to the most beautiful exhibition of dribbling they are likely to see in a long time. Yes, it was Billy Tate, showing his fantastic form once more. Tate astounded everyone in Augusta's Charles S. Roller Memorial Gymnasium with his unequalled style and grace. It was a fitting end to an unbelievable game.

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"Button, button, who's got the button?" ask Augusta's Jay Fulk (44), Rog Jenson, and Jimmy Johnson (left to right) as they maneuver underneath the boards against Bridgewater College.

Preparation Brings Success To AMA Units

A chilly Saturday morning rolled around on February 22 to fulfill the expectations of a somewhat nervous but excited Band and drill team from Augusta Military Academy. Eating breakfast on a nervous stomach is not exactly the best thing for one's health, but strength would be needed throughout the day and both organizations realizing this proceeded to shovel down at least a small portion of Major Peduto's mess hall delights.

A full week of preparation had been made toward attaining a victory in Alexandria and an eager group of cadets paraded vigorously in order to insure that they would return with a trophy.

Buttons were shined, brass was polished and shoes were glassed so perfectly that sunlight bounced back almost blinding anyone who should chance to gaze upon them. The color guard was by no means standing idle at this time, for long hours of practice were spent marching around the front bowl and achieving the precision that has made AMA's men in forty-fours so popular with crowds of people. The Roller Rifles demonstrated their exactness as they performed in practice for the corps of cadets, to the sing-song cadence of Cadet Captain John Henderson. Foul notes as well as fair came from the band room as Capt. Frank Roach drilled his men in the fine art of playing a Sousa march. Much advantage was taken of the time between supper and study hall each night by the Band as they marched around the bowl to such tunes as "Mickey Mouse" and "The Marines Hymn".

As George Washington's Birthday arrived, all three groups had the knowledge that they were well prepared and ready to thunder down the streets of Alexandria. Cadets boarded buses to cries of "Watch my shoes," and "Wait a second, I forgot my instrument," and at last settled down in their seats, some with pillows, some with comic books, but nevertheless ready to go. All that was left to do now was wait. With the exception of a brief stop in Front Royal for a rest period,

the trip was uninterrupted.

Arriving at a fire station in Alexandria, which has been AMA's base of operations for a number of years, cadets tumbled out of the buses and made their way inside in a mass of confusion with horns, drums, rifles, clothes, and suitcases. Making ready for an ordeal as was to follow was not an easy task, for everyone had to look his best. And an ordeal it turned out to be! Judges surrounded the units with clipboards from the beginning, jotting down such information as dress and cover, appearance, and playing. After making one column left at the beginning of the parade onto the main avenue, AMA's forces made a bee line for the point of pass-in-review. With the bleachers on both sides of the street, and having themselves viewed at every angle, dress and cover were a must. About ten yards before the crucial point, judges seemed to swarm toward the units from everywhere, jotting down information so necessary in the judging of military units. In the military league this year there were ten marching bands with which AMA's band had to compete, and a total of twenty military marching units. Before one could blink an eye the parade was over and all that was left to do was wait for the final results, with the exception of town leave of course! A rather lengthy leave of absence was granted to the men in gray and most took great advantage of it by venturing into such places as D.C., and searching for every possible form of entertainment. At 10:00 a weary group made its way to the buses. Most cadets were utterly fatigued and no one had to tell them twice to sleep on the trip back. Results were announced concerning the parade, with the Roller Rifles and the Color Guard both taking second places and the Roller Rifles receiving a trophy, and the Band taking a first place with Capt. Hudson accepting a check for \$100. It had been a tremendous effort but one well worth it, and the men who participated from AMA are already looking forward to a victory again next year.

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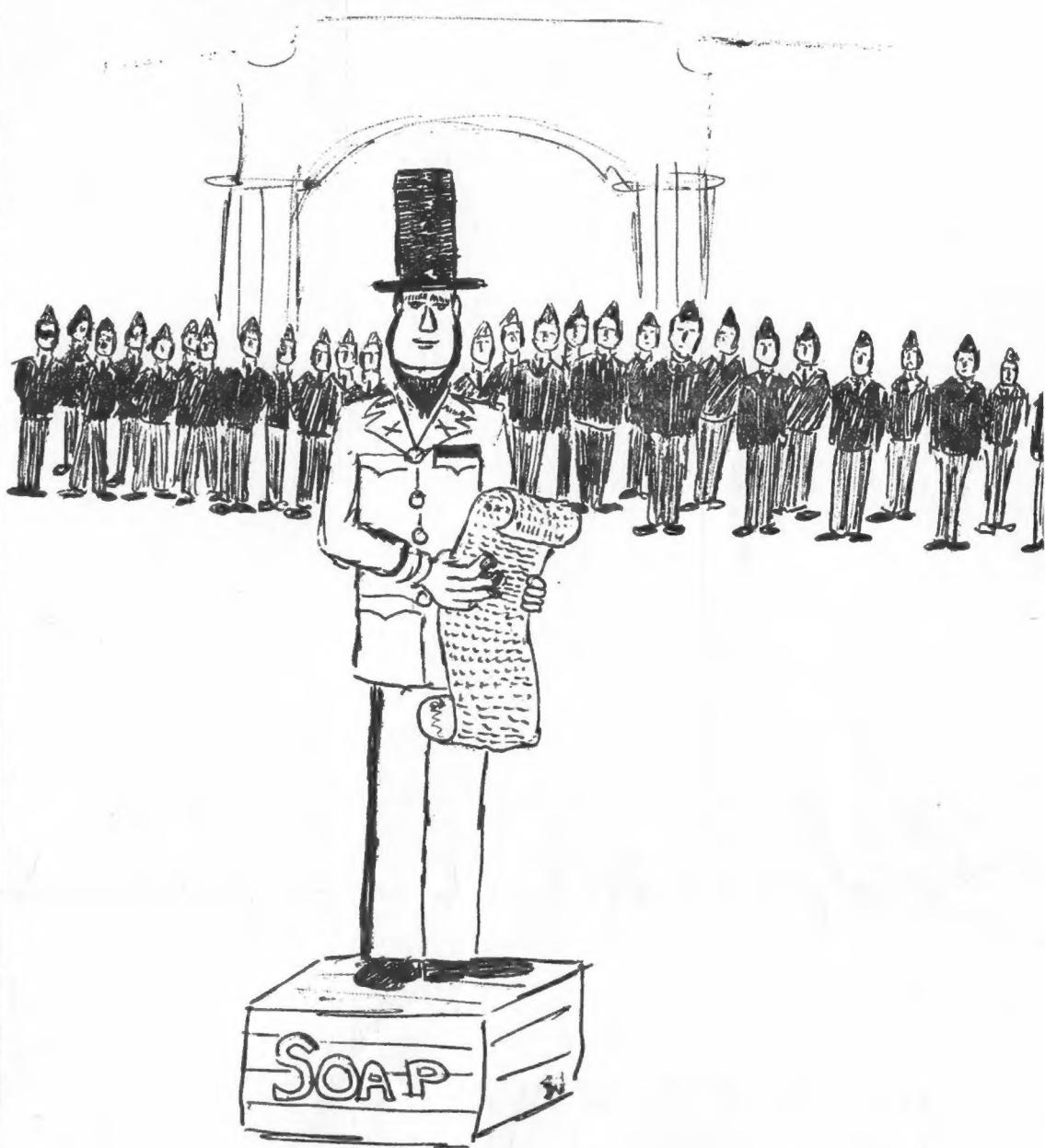
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